

SEEK VAST TREASURE

Fortune-hunters Leave London for African Coast.

BULLION OF DUTCH GALLEONS

Untold Riches Said to Lie Tied up at Many Places to Be Visited by Expedition Headed by Capt. C. A. P. Gardiner—Sunk in Vessels During the Last Century.

London, March 30.—There is a fascinating air of romance and adventure about the expedition which left the East India docks yesterday in the steamer *Alfred Nobel*, to search for sunken treasure worth \$20,000,000 off the coast of Africa. According to Capt. C. A. P. Gardiner, of Bloomsbury, who heads the expedition, the African coast is lined with bullion sunk in every kind of vessel, from old Dutch galleons to modern liners. Here is an alluring list of a few of the treasures which, it is hoped, will be brought to the surface.

Immense rich treasure captured from pirates and sunk in the *Wilhelm der Secunda*.

Priceless china, bullion, tin, lead, and silver, sunk in the Dutch galleon *Middleburg*, which was scuttled off Hoofjes Bay 12 years ago, to avoid capture.

Valuable cargo lost in the Dutch government's armed merchantman *Crazenstein* in 1888.

Copper, tin, and silver, of great value, which went down in the Aberdeen White Star boat *Thermopylae*.

Capt. Gardiner has served in the British and Chinese navies, and is an officer of the Royal Naval Reserve. His attention was drawn to the records of the many wrecks which have occurred along the African coast, and he spent several years in endeavoring to locate them.

He was rewarded by the discovery of twenty-nine wrecks, which could be reached, and the result of his discoveries was the formation of the South African Salvage Company, Limited, with a capital of \$125,000.

The steamer *Alfred Nobel*, once the *Oromeda*, a pleasure yacht, and more recently engaged in carrying dynamite, was chartered, and neither pains nor money was spared in equipping her as a salvage vessel.

There will be twenty hands, including two divers, all ex-navy or naval reserve men. They will sign for five years, and will be given a 5 per cent share of all treasure found.

The Cape government claims 15 per cent of the value of all silver raised, 25 per cent of the value of gold and precious stones, and 10 per cent of the value of other articles, but Capt. Gardiner is quite satisfied that there will be enough left to please everybody concerned.

CAMORRIST LEADERS CAUGHT.

Italian Police Inaugurate Crusade Against Dreaded Secret Society.

Rome, March 30.—Some five hundred Camorrist ringleaders have been arrested at Naples as the result of the determined crusade undertaken by the government against secret criminal societies. The Neapolitan prisons are full to overflowing, as many as twenty culprits being lodged in a single cell. On this account, and because the Camorristi were found to be holding committees among themselves and regular communication with comrades outside by means of their own slang code, the authorities have now begun transferring them to different provincial houses of detention till the trial is fixed, which probably will not begin for another twelve months.

The authorities have been obliged to transfer to Capt. Signor Capozzelli, the chief marshal of Cambrini, who superintended the military police raids, lest his repeatedly threatened assassination should be realized, and thereby increase the difficulties of an already grave situation.

Despite elaborate precautions taken to effect his capture, Erricone, the notorious supreme chief of the Naples Camorra, has succeeded in getting clear away to the United States, whence he dispatched a message to his pursuers saying he had merely taken a sea voyage at the doctor's orders, and his absence from his post was only temporary. Erricone managed to board an emigrant liner in the disguise of a coal heaver, and crossed the Atlantic as a stowaway.

FIND THOUSANDS OF BODIES.

Excavators in Milan Remove 400 Cartloads of Human Remains.

London, March 30.—A gruesome discovery was recently made in the Milan necropolis in which it is estimated that thousands of persons were buried. The Milan general hospital possesses near the Porta Vittoria a plot on which there is a mortuary chapel. Beneath this chapel there are seventy-nine vaults, each twenty-six feet long, fourteen feet wide, and thirteen feet deep. The only means of access is a manhole.

Between the years 1700 and 1783 innumerable dead were cast into the vaults, until they were full, when they were sealed up. Repeatedly the vaults again brought the long-forgotten burial places to light. As the vaults were faced with stone and hermetically sealed, the decomposition of the bodies has been extremely slow. The municipal sanitary experts finally found a means to create a heat of 20 degrees, whereby the remains were gradually calcined. Four hundred cartloads of human remains have already been removed to the cemetery. It will take some weeks longer to clear the vaults there.

GREAT CROWDS AT VATICAN.

Holy Week as Usual a Busy One with the Pope.

Rome, March 30.—The ceremonies of Holy Week attracted great crowds of visitors. The American element predominated. The Queen and Queen Mother visited the sepulchers and churches, omitting, as usual, St. Peter's.

The Pope spent the week in retirement and prayer. All audiences were stopped. On Monday he said mass in his private chapel and gave communion all day to the members of his household, including the officers of the Noble Swiss, and Palatine guards and the gendarmes.

On Maundy Thursday he communicated with the ecclesiastical members in the private chamber and the court.

Bishop O'Gorman, of Sioux Falls, will preach on "The Resurrection" at the Church of St. Sylvester on Easter Sunday. Archbishop Ireland occupied this pulpit last Easter Sunday.

Fined for Typewriting.

Geneva, March 30.—A Basle journalist has been fined 20 cents, with the alternative of four hours' imprisonment, for disturbing the peace after 10 o'clock at night by working the typewriter to the annoyance of his neighbors.



KING SEEKS SLEUTHS

Alfonso Eager to Organize Good Detective Corps.

SHAKES UP SPANISH POLICE

Offers Official of Scotland Yard Big Salary to Act as Chief Superintendent—Inaugurates Criminal Investigation Department at Madrid—Has High Opinion of English Force.

London, March 30.—King Alfonso has decided to revolutionize Spanish police methods by inaugurating a criminal investigation department at Madrid on the Scotland Yard model.

The post of chief superintendent has been offered to Detective Inspector Arrows, of the criminal investigation department, whose decision will be cabled to the King of Spain to-day.

A salary of \$5,000 a year with special expenses is offered with the appointment. The new head of the Spanish police force will be, therefore, one of the best-paid detectives in the world.

This innovation on the part of King Alfonso is the result of the high opinion of the London detective force he formed on his last visit before his marriage.

In Spain at the present time the police organization does not in any way compare with the Scotland Yard method, and Queen Victoria, long accustomed to the security of the English system, has assisted his majesty in drawing up the plans.

During his visits to this country King Alfonso remarked on the excellent way in which our police did their work, and he expressed a wish to reform the lax Spanish methods.

The appointment as head of the Madrid "Scotland Yard" was first offered to Detective Inspector McCarthy, who always looks after the safety of English royalties.

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TOT RARE CONJUROR

Little "Bamboo Blossom" Does Mystifying Tricks.

IS DAUGHTER OF A MAGICIAN

Almond-eyed Young Lady of Four Years Performs Feats Which Astonish Spectators—Arrives in England Only to Be Prevented from Giving Public Exhibitions.

London, March 30.—Dainty little "Bamboo Blossom," an almond-eyed young lady of four, who has just arrived in London from the Flowery Land, is a born conjuror.

"Bamboo Blossom" is the tiny daughter of Chung Ling Soo, the Chinese magician, now appearing at the New Cross Empire, and she could conjure long before she could speak.

In the tea gardens of her own land "Bamboo Blossom" can perform all her tricks freely in public, but here she has just learned that she is far too young to be granted a license.

This strange prohibition has bewildered "Bamboo Blossom," who cannot understand why she should not come on the stage like her father and pull rabbits out of empty flowerpots for her own amusement, as she does at home.

When a reporter last night went to see "Blossom" she completely mystified him with her sleight-of-hand tricks.

Holding half a dozen cards in her chubby fists, she invited a choice, and then, with astonishing ease, produced the chosen cards in the most unlikely places.

A five-shilling piece placed in paper in her hand on the instant was transformed into five separate shillings, while "Blossom" chuckled in infantile delight.



World's Youngest Conjuror.

Cards laid in a box in the "magic baby's" custody were at once changed into different suits, and articles disappeared and reappeared all around her.

Canaries at Three Cents a Dozen, Cape Town, March 30.—A cage containing twelve Cape canaries was sold recently at the Worcester (Cape Colony) market for 3 cents.

A Town Without Crime, London, March 30.—There have been no convictions in the police court at Weston, Herts, a town of about 800 inhabitants, for more than two years.

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SHAH LEAVES RARE JEWELS.

Inventory of Treasures Just Completed in Persian Capital.

Vienna, March 30.—A message from Teheran says that a careful inventory of the treasures left by the late Shah has been made.

The collection includes a number of unrivaled diamonds and other stones. The old crown of the Persian dynasty contains a ruby as big as a hen's egg.

A belt studded with diamonds and worn only on great state occasions weighs eighteen pounds, and is valued at several hundred thousand pounds.

A wonderful silver vase is decorated with a hundred smaragd, one of which is so large that it was found possible to engrave on it the Shah's numerous titles.

A sword with a diamond-covered scabbard is valued at many thousands.

A remarkable feature of the collection is a square block of amber of 400 cubic inches, said to have dropped from the skies at the time of Mahomet.

DEAD PEDDLER ARRIVES.

Attacked with Brain Disease While on Way to Town.

Paris, March 30.—A dead peddler named Lesueur drove into Châlons-sur-Marne yesterday with the reins tightly clasped in his fingers.

He had succumbed to brain congestion on the road. A large sum of money was found in his pockets.

FRENCHMEN GO FOXHUNTING

Arrange for Great "International" Event Next Month.

Paris, March 30.—Since Sir Conan Doyle made Brigadier Gerard cut a fox in two with his sword when he went out with the hounds, Frenchmen have smarted under the aspersion that they know nothing about foxhunting.

Such a hunt as Englishmen have never even dreamed of has now been arranged, and the meet will be at Satory, near St. Cyr, next month.

So carefully has every detail been arranged that the Figaro this morning prints the programme of the day's sport.

To avoid the trouble of drawing coverts, the foxes have already been caught in the Ardennes, and are now possibly receiving lessons in decorum.

The number of hedges, ditches, and streams in the Plain of Satory is being largely increased. Grand stands are being erected so that crowds may watch the run.

"The 'parade' will truly be a dream of elegance," says the Figaro. "Huntsmen and their cavaliers on the best French and English thoroughbreds; the dogs' servants (huntsmen) in their classic livery, and the hounds themselves in good trim, eager and baying, will all make up the splendid spectacle.

"The hounds will, according to custom, be let loose after the fox has gone 300 or 400 yards. They will be followed by the hunters at full gallop."

The Figaro adds that "as we have few packs trained for foxhunting in France, the best English packs and the noblest huntsmen of King Edward's Court will cross the Channel to take part in the 'chasse de l'entente cordiale.'"

All Paris is wildly excited over the event, and tailors are now busy making pink coats for ambitious sportsmen who are determined to show Englishmen that they know how a fox hunt should be conducted.

SON SHOT FOR BURGLAR.

Man Makes Mistake Which Ends in a Pathetic Death.

Paris, March 30.—A terrible tragedy occurred lately near the Aix-le-Provence. A farmer named M. Justin woke during the night, and, believing he heard footsteps in the kitchen, armed himself with a rifle and descended into the hall.

COLD KILLS HUNTERS

Three Meet Death on Top of Mountain in Ireland.

LOSE WAY IN DENSE FOG

Searching Parties Recover Bodies Frozen Stiff—Wander About in Wilderness Until They Drop from Exhaustion—Unable to Find Any of Regular Track in Fastnesses.

Belfast, March 30.—A mountain tragedy, involving the death of three men, was reported from County Antrim yesterday.

Five men, named Connolly, Kelly, White, Miller, and Smith, started on Wednesday on a shooting expedition on the mountain range which overlooks the beautiful Vale of Glenariff.

Two or three hours later they lost themselves in a dense fog. They wandered aimlessly about, and endeavored to find one of the beaten tracks, but without success.

At length hunger brought on extreme fatigue. The men, alone and lost in the mountains, had scarcely the strength to walk, and the bitterly cold wind partially paralyzed their limbs. Darkness came on, and the men were still ignorant of their whereabouts.

After a while Connolly said he could go no farther, and he fell to the ground exhausted. His four companions, although almost as weak as he, picked him up and, by an effort which taxed their remaining strength to the utmost, carried him over boulders and through gullies, until they themselves were on the point of collapsing.

Then they put him down, placed him under shelter in a sitting position, wrapped him in their greatcoats, and, having thus done all they could for his comfort, left him and went away to look for assistance.

Miller and Smith went in one direction and Kelly and White in another. The first-named pair reached the residence of Conway Dobbs, at Parkmore, yesterday morning. They were in the last stage of exhaustion, and as they entered the house they sank helplessly on a couch.

Restoratives were applied, and when they had regained sufficient strength they related their terrible experience.

A search party was at once organized, and, with Miller and Smith acting as guides, they all tramped to the spot where Connolly had been left. He was sitting there, still wrapped in his companions' coats, but dead. He had been frozen to death.

Later in the afternoon the dead bodies of Kelly and White were found in the bed of a frozen mountain stream. The men had evidently stumbled there, and had been too weak to rise.

PARISIAN MOB LYNCHES MAN.

Takes Summary Vengeance on Unknown Who 'Shot Five Persons.'

Paris, March 30.—A sensational shooting affray occurred at the Hotel Pigalle, in Montmartre, to-night.

The hotel is opposite the well-known restaurant, the "Dead Rat." A man who has given the name of Jolybols entered the hotel with a woman named Romignon, and had supper with her.

After supper he suddenly produced a six-chambered revolver and shot the woman. The landlady rushed toward Jolybols, who thereupon shot him in the arm.

Jolybols then fired at the hotel porter, killing him on the spot. A policeman in plain clothes made an attempt to arrest the murderer, and he was shot through the head and killed.

A lieutenant in full uniform, who rushed into the hotel from the street at the sound of the firing, was shot through the left lung and is not expected to live.

The murderer ran away, but was captured by the crowd and almost torn limb from limb.

Largest Morning Circulation. All advertising contracts made by The Washington Herald are based upon its sworn circulation—a circulation in Washington larger by thousands than was ever before attained by any morning newspaper at the Capital. Its books are open.

KILLS WHOLE FAMILY

Vain Struggle Against Poverty Ends in Tragedy.

DEED DELIBERATELY PLANNED

Former Chief Forester to King of Saxony Slays Wife and Five Children and Commits Suicide—Despair at Inability to Support All on a Meager Pension Cause of the Act.

Dresden, March 30.—In despair at his inability to support himself and his family on his meager pension, Herr Wilsdorf, formerly chief forester to the King of Saxony, murdered his wife, three sons, and two daughters and committed suicide at Dresden last night.

His eldest daughter, twenty-two years old, was also shot after a frantic struggle to disarm her father. She is still alive, but is in a dying condition.

The family lived in a flat, but the neighbors, though they had heard nothing of the Wilsdorfs since Friday, suspected nothing wrong until early this morning, when the janitor discovered that a milk can left in front of the door had not been touched. He summoned the police, who forced open the door.

Upon the floor of the first room lay the body of the eldest daughter, in whom a spark of life was still flickering. After she had been removed to a hospital the police searched the other rooms, discovering the body of the mother in bed, with a bullet through her temple.

In an adjoining room, littered with broken furniture, were the bodies of the remainder of the family, three boys and two girls, the eldest of the latter eighteen years old, and two of the boys, twins, aged twelve.

Wilsdorf had attempted in a variety of ways to earn enough money to support his family, but without success. The sevenfold tragedy appears to have been prearranged by Wilsdorf and his wife, who were reduced to the belief that simultaneous death was the best and happiest escape from the economic starvation.

Not until the eldest daughter entered the flat after her mother, brothers, and sisters had been murdered was the father disturbed in the execution of his mad resolve. The girl even then fought hard to save her father's life and her own, but fainted before she could disarm him from bullet wounds in the head and breast. The father, believing her dead, then stretched himself upon a sofa and blew out his brains.

JAPANESE USE SIX-INCH GUNS.

English Writer Declares Smaller Armament is Needed.

London, March 30.—The Chronicle naval correspondent writes: "Japanese gunnery experts who watched the recent prize firing of the British China squadron consider that the admiralty made a mistake in treating the 6-inch gun as an obsolete weapon. They hold that battles will be won at sea as much by the moral effect of the bursting of shells outside as by the material results of shell fire in a heavy sea. They say that hydraulic-wheeled guns will never be worked as quickly or laid so accurately as hand-worked guns. If the Dreadnought could always arrange to fight outside a limit of 8,000 yards of the enemy, she would not feel the want of 6-inch guns, but times must occur when light and sea conditions will make it necessary to close inside of a zone of 600 yards. It is understood that the Japanese Dreadnought will carry 12-inch guns."

"Japanese naval discipline is a marvelous thing to English eyes. There are no ship police and there is practically no code of punishment. An officer remonstrates with a faulty man. He reminds him of his ancestors and appeals to his love of country. If the man is recalcitrant, the officer slaps his face once or twice. That brings him to his senses. The relations between officers and men are fraternal, like the French, and owing to the absence of physical punishments and also of crime, the terms existing on the upper and lower deck are described as ideal. Since the war, however, there has been a slight tendency to drink on the part of seamen."

"It is a mistake to think that the Japanese have copied the English navy in other than mechanical points in construction and the arrangement and dress of materials. They think for themselves on higher discipline, strategy, and tactics. The arrangements for the Straits of Tsushima victory were worked out by a lieutenant on the staff at Tokyo. Admiral Togo, to his eternal honor, accepted the plans of his junior, who has since been promoted to the rank of commander."

AUSTRALIANS LEAVE AFRICA. Depression in Business Drives Thousands to Foreign Home.

Cape Town, March 30.—The depression which prevails in the cities of South Africa without parallel. Business is paralyzed in Cape Town, Johannesburg, and Durban, and the newspapers are filled with reports of creditors' meetings and announcements of sales of bankrupt stocks and furniture. Hundreds of offices and shops are untenanted.

George Valder, who represents the government of New South Wales, states that during the last twelve months 5,800 people have sailed for Australia from Cape Town alone. He estimates that another 2,000 have left Durban for the same destination. They returned at their own cost. There are hundreds of others who would leave if they had the means.

A few days ago, at the request of Mr. Valder, the mayors of the chief South African cities invited Australians who wished to return and had not the means to send in their names and addresses. Six hundred genuine cases have already been reported from Johannesburg, 200 from Durban, and about 200 in Cape Town. All these are to be granted free passage to Australia, and the authorities in Johannesburg are so glad to get rid of the surplus population that they have communicated to Mr. Valder their willingness to pay the fares of the stranded Australians to the port of embarkation.

TEACHING ART OF SHOPPING.

Novel Innovation in Cooking Department of a Public School.

Birmingham, March 30.—A novel departure has just been made in the cookery departments of the Birmingham elementary schools.

Once a week the pupils, whose ages range from eleven upward, are taken out by the cooking mistress on a marketing expedition.

Various shops are visited, and the girls instructed (in front of the window) which articles to buy and which to avoid, and those most adaptable to certain dishes.

The Washington Herald by Mail. Daily, one month, \$2.00; 3 cents. Daily and Sunday, one month, \$3.00. Daily, one year, \$20.00; 3 cents. Daily and Sunday, one year, \$32.00. This includes postage to any part of the United States and Canada.

MAY WEAR DISGUISES

Suffragists Have Scheme to Enter Parliament.

WOULD APPEAR LIKE BOYS

Secretary of Woman's Social and Political Union Says She Would Do Anything for the Cause—Members Are Collecting Courage to Make Possible Sacrifice When Necessary.

London, March 30.—Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson's hint that militant suffragists may don male attire, and thus reach the inside of the House of Commons, has been enthusiastically welcomed by her resolute followers. They look cheerfully forward, indeed, to such an escapade.

"I should not hesitate to do it for the cause," said Mrs. Martin, secretary of the Women's Social and Political Union, yesterday. "I would do anything for this cause. If any one had told me a year ago that I would have demonstrated and gone to prison I should have been incredulous and indignant."

"In men's clothes? Why not—if no other means will accomplish the end in view? Besides, there is nothing so extraordinary about male attire. Christina of Sweden always adopted it; so, too, did many lady explorers."

"Would not the slightness of a lady's figure reveal the truth?"

"We should look more frail, of course. You know that in a man's dress a woman of thirty seems like a boy of nineteen."

This comment suggested that Mrs. Martin had rehearsed for the part, but when asked if she had ever worn the clothes sacred to men, she replied that she could not think of answering a question so personal.

"Well, what of it? The hair is not such a great matter, after all. We could surely sacrifice it. I wouldn't mind doing so for the cause."

The suggestion is receiving the closest attention from suffragists, and enthusiasts everywhere are screwing up their courage to the possible sacrifice.

TRIES TO CREMATE HER RIVAL

Woman on Trial for Fiendish Crime in Berlin.

Charged with Pouring Inflammable Liquid on Victim and Setting It on Fire.

Berlin, March 30.—The criminal court here began to-day the trial of a woman named Schmidt for the murder, under atrocious circumstances, of an acquaintance named Elisabeth Kreer.

The extraordinary nature of the crime excites great attention. Schmidt, who is forty-nine years of age, and the mother of eight children, suspected her husband, who is the skipper of a canal barge, of infidelity. While rummaging in his pockets, she found Kreer's address, and came to the conclusion that Kreer was her husband's mistress. She visited Kreer several times, and implored her to cease her relations with her husband, but Kreer turned a deaf ear to her entreaties.

The case for the Crown is that Frau Schmidt determined to wreak vengeance on her rival. She acquired in an unknown way a bottle of some highly inflammable liquid, and, proceeding to Kreer's apartment, poured the fluid over her head and dress, immediately setting fire to it. Schmidt suddenly disappeared, but Kreer's agonizing screams brought her neighbors to her assistance. Help, however, came too late, for she died shortly after her arrival in hospital. As the physicians say, she was literally roasted to death.

The chief evidence against Frau Schmidt is that of a boy who saw her in the neighborhood of Kreer's dwelling at the time of the outrage, and the dying statement of Kreer herself.

Schmidt declares her innocence, maintaining that she was at home at the time. Her counsel seeks to weaken the deposition of the dead woman by proving that the name of Frau Schmidt was suggested to her, and that even in death she sought to injure her rival.

DE WET FEARS DINNERS.

Objects to Gen. Botha's Visit to London on This Account.

Johannesburg, March 30.—Gen. Christian de Wet says that he strongly objects to Gen. Botha's visit to London, on the ground, first, that the premier should have gone through a full session of Parliament to learn public opinion, and, second, that Oranga should have been considered.

"Dinners, and again dinners, and nothing but dinners," said Gen. de Wet, "may divert Gen. Botha's human mind from the business of his country."

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